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Sir:

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1. International Search Report issued in connection with PCT US Serial No. 01/26708. (**Exhibit 2**)
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,443,952, (Alan Pestronk) issued August 22, 1995; (**Exhibit 3**)
3. Alaedini, Armin et al. (2001), "Ganglioside Agglutination Immunoassay for Rapid Detection of Autoantibodies in Immune-Mediated Neuropathy", Journal of Clinical Laboratory Analysis, (15):96-99 (**Exhibit 4**);
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5. Yi, Ping-Cheng et al. (1992), "Rapid GM1 Ganglioside Latex Agglutination Slide Test For Cholera Toxin", Journal of Rapid Method and Automation in Microbiology, Volume 1,pgs. 205-209 (**Exhibit 6**);
6. Uemura, Kei-chi (1984), "The reactivities of human erythrocyte autoantibodies and anti-P2, anti-Gd, F1 and Sa with gangliosides in a chromatogram binding assay", Biochem, Vol. 219 pages 865-874 (**Exhibit 7**);
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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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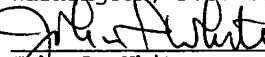
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